

COUNTY OF PLACER
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MEETING
February 14, 2002

MINUTES

Attendees (Commissioners & Staff):

Dr. Richard Burton	Commission Chair & Placer County Health Officer
Jill Harper	Commission Vice Chair & PCOE Administrator of Child Development Programs
Raymond Merz	Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services
Joe DePietro	Commissioner & Educational Representative
Tamara Lieberman	Commissioner & Program Officer Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation
Sandra Naylor-Goodwin	Commissioner & Director for the California Institute for Mental Health.
Don Ferretti	CFC Coordinator & Health and Human Services Administration
Nancy Baggett	Health & Human Services – Staff Systems Analysts
Melinda Harrell	Health & Human Services – Secretary
Jo McCormack	County Counsel
David Gray	Placer Institute, Consultant

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

Harriet White	Commissioner & Chair of Placer County Board of Supervisors, Dist. 3
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Public:

Vicky Spannagel	HHS
Francine Nunes	PCOE - Childcare
Judy Moore	Greater Collaborative
Bud Bautista	HHS – CSOC
Jeanette Lovejoy	PCOE
Ruth Burgess	RCH Foundation
Arla Gibson	Peace For Families

I. Call to Order

Chair Dr. Richard Burton called the Children and Families Commission Meeting to order at 4: 41p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Jill Harper moved to approve the agenda, and Joe DePietro seconded, all in favor. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

III. Minutes

Jill Harper moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2002 meeting, Ray Merz seconded, all in favor. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved

IV. New Business

V. Old Business

Report by Don Ferretti on the Outcome Faire – February 8th

The February 8th Outcome Faire was a Partner Network and Community-At-Large gathering in which partners displayed how Proposition 10 resources are being used in Placer County. More than 300 members of the public (including many children) attended this event where our partners provided information around the services they provide for the 0-5 population and their families- CalSTAR, landed its helicopter on the grounds and gave children an opportunity for an “up-close view”. Francine Nunes was thanked for organizing a variety of “fun” activities for the many children that were in attendance. Don felt this type of event worked very

well. Based on the feedback he has received, we should do this type of event again as a way to let the community know what is going on with Prop. 10. The event could possibly be in spring or summer and maybe later in the day or even into the evening—perhaps during daylight saving time. Data collection was not definitive, as he was only able to visit with about 1/3 of the partners, however, individual follow up will occur to check in on the outcome data.

VI. Commissioner Reports

Report from the Application Review Committee – The committee had its third meeting on February 13. The Applicant Review Committee has reviewed all 22 applications. To create more of a collaborative process, applicants were invited to attend these review meetings and provide brief input. Additional questions have gone out to all applicants and the deadline for them to respond in writing is Feb. 21. The ARC will meet on March 5th and recommendations will be made with regard to the applications and their funding – both applicants and Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Following the above report, there were questions from the commissioners about the funding with regard to merit, ranking, prioritizing and also funding for applicants' programs after the funding ends. Don's response was that we don't want to lose people interested in this population just because they may not receive funding. He felt that there might be alternatives for some applicants such as linkages and other partnering opportunities to make up the differences. He also reported that four (4) applicants have formed a collaborative rather than being considered as candidates for individual funding. Don felt that prioritization would work itself out through the process.

David Gray presented "Gaps in the Service System" to provide some insight to the commissioners before making their future decisions on funding gaps.

VI. Program Coordinator Report

February 22 CFC Workshop – The workshop will be held from 9am-3pm on Feb. 22. Don will be meeting with Tad Kitada, who will facilitate, to plan the agenda. Don will need confirmation as to who will attend from the CFC and our advisory groups (one person each from the Greater Collaborative, Children's Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee and the Child Care Coordinating Council). This was amended to allow two people each from the collaboratives.

March 20-22 State Commission Conference – The deadline for the State CFC Conference in San Diego is Tuesday February 19th so we will need confirmation from those planning to attend. Don asked that travel arrangements be made and then CFC will reimburse the individuals for the costs.

The April meeting date for CFC will probably be changed due to the Pilots to Policy 2002 conference April 11-12, 2002 at Oakland, California

VIII. County Counsel Report

Nothing to report at this session

IX. Public Comment

Ray Merz: He reported that Chair Richard Burton would be assigned to the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) for a period of two years. He will report to the State Director on issues related to health policy on disaster preparedness. Ray communicated that Rich is certainly the right man for the job. He further indicated that there would be a search for someone to fill in during Rich's absence. Ray told the commissioners that we should be proud of him but that it would be a great loss.

Jill Harper: She will not be able to attend the March CFC meeting, as she will be attending a Child Development State Conference

Nancy Baggett: She reported that the first training with the Baby Kits had taken place at the jail and it was very well attended. Individuals at the jail completed 16 postcards and the Baby Kits will be sent to their homes. Eleven

hundred (1100) Baby Kits have been distributed in Placer County so far. Partners are doing a terrific job of getting them out into the community.

Francine Nunes: The CARES grant is going strong and 400 childcare providers have come through PCOE. Forty people want to apply for their permits. Proposition 10 will fund the higher level of permitting. PCOE will track how many people go to the higher levels

Bud Bautista: He recently attended the Little Hoover Commission in Sacramento and reported the Senators have questions about Proposition 10's eventual impact of mental health services for children. Our local Prop. 10 funded mental health collaborative will serve this population.

The Placer County Children and Families Commission Meeting Was Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.